Kiss Him, Not Me!

#41 Getting Back to Normal After a Kidnapping!

By Junko

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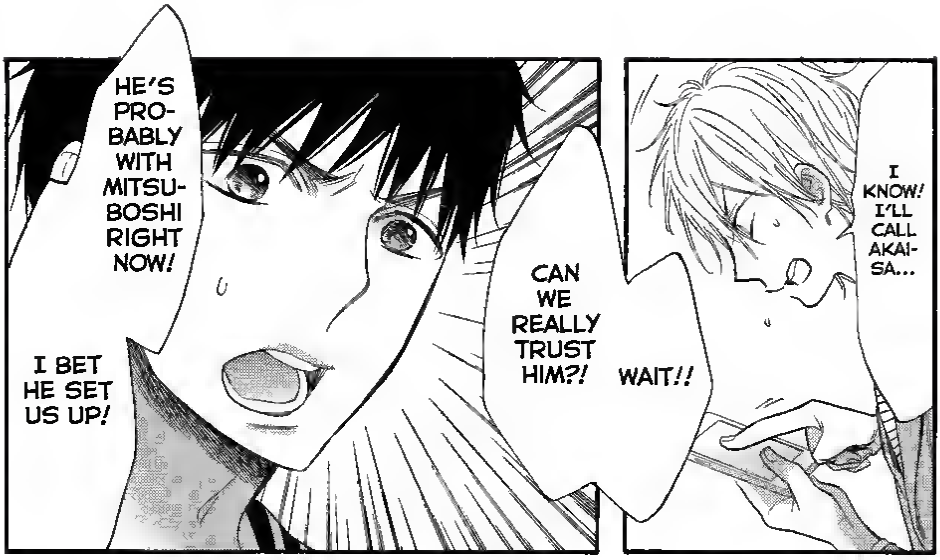
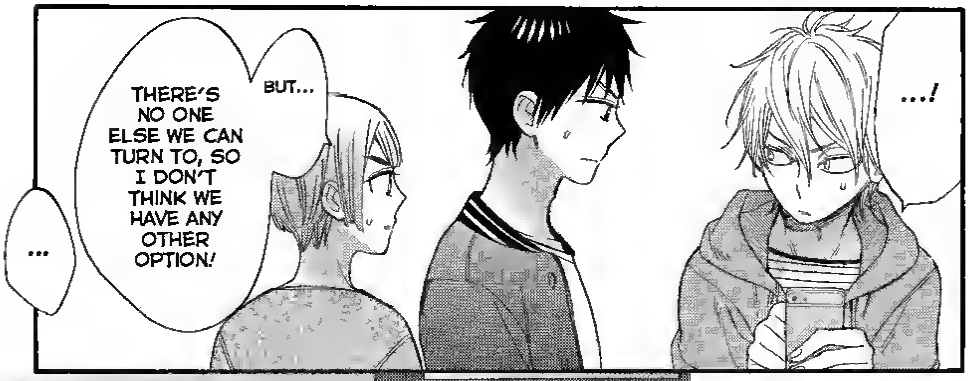
SHAKE
HUH?! HOW COULD YOU LET THAT HAP-PEN?!
I..I MANAGED TO GET HER INTO THE CAR, BUT..
HUH?!
..AS SOON AS I TRIED TO GET IN TOO, I FELT SOMETHING STRIKE ME FROM BEHIND, AND I COULDN'T MOVE..
SHAKE
WHEN I LOOKED UP...
IT WAS MITSUBOSHI-SAN...
I THINK.. IT WAS A STUN GUN
MITSU-BOSHI ?!
SHAKE
ANYWAY, WE GOTTA GO AFTER SERINUMA-SAN!!
DO YOU KNOW WHERE THEY WENT?!
SHAKE
A stun ?
SERI-OUSLY?! WHAT THE HELL'S WRONG WITH THAT GUY?!
WHAT DID HE HIT YOU WITH?! ARE YOU OKAY?!


HE'S PROBABLY WITH MITSUBOSHI RIGHT NOW!
I BET HE SET US UP!
CAN WE REALLY TRUST HIM?!
WAIT!!
I KNOW! I'LL CALL AKAISA...

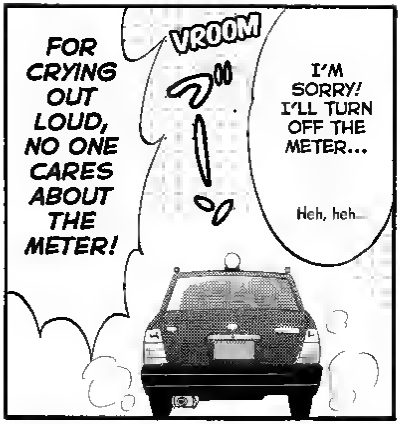

THERE'S NO ONE ELSE WE CAN TURN TO, SO I DON'T THINK WE HAVE ANY OTHER OPTION!
BUT...
...
...!

MURMUR
MURMUR
THIS CALL CANNOT BE MADE DUE TO THE CALLER BEING IN AN AREA WITH NO RECEPTION, OR DUE TO THE POWER BEING OFF.

TAP
O...
OKAY!
Masaharu
Calling...

IT'S NO USE! I CAN'T REACH HIM!
TCH
DAMMIT!
KICK
WAIT!
THEY'RE ON TOUR RIGHT NOW, SO MITSU-BOSHI-KUN IS SURE TO SHOW UP AT THE NEXT VENUE!
THE NEXT VENUE!
THE NEXT VENUE IS IN ...
...SAP-PORO!!
OKAY! LET'S GO!!
TO THE AIR-PORT!!
YEAH!
But...
HONK
HONK
WHAT THE HECK?! WHY IS TRAFFIC SO JAMMED?!
CRAMPED
CRAMPED
IT LOOKS LIKE THERE WAS AN ACCIDENT AHEAD.
I KNOW ANOTHER ROUTE WE CAN TAKE!

FSSSHHH
But...

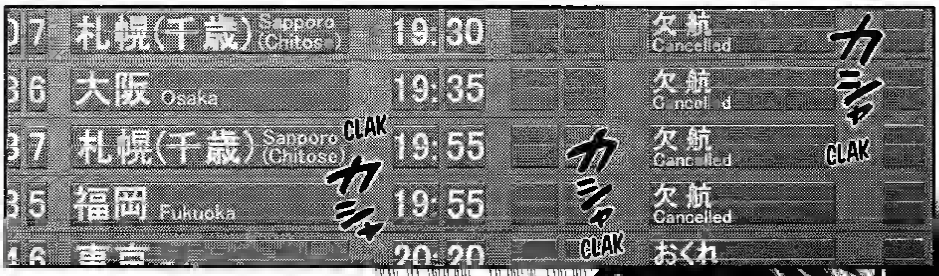

FOR CRYING OUT LOUD, NO ONE CARES ABOUT THE METER!
VROOM
I'M SORRY! I'LL TURN OFF THE METER...
Heh, heh...

WHAT ?!
HEH HEH!
SORRY! I THINK WE'RE LOST...

I'M ON IT!
TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP
GET US ON A FLIGHT TO SAPPORO!!
FLASH

Two hours later...
W...WE MADE IT!!
仙台国際空港
SENDAI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

KABOOM
THERE'S SO MUCH LIGHT-NING!
AHH! IT'S SUDDENLY POURING!
Eeek!
KABOOM
ZSSSSHHH
KABOOM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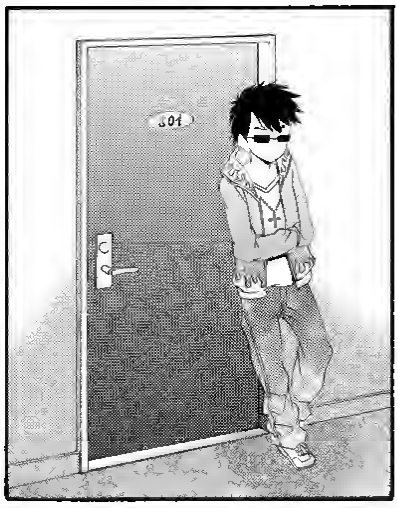
05 福岡 Fukuoka 19:55 欠航 Cancelled
16 東京 20:20 おくれ
CLAK カシャ
カシャ CLAK
カシャ CLAK

WE ARE CURRENTLY PERFORMING SAFETY CHECKS DUE TO TECHNICAL ISSUES. WE DO NOT KNOW WHEN WE WILL BE BACK UP AND RUNNING
SORRY!
THEN WE TAKE THE TRAIN!!
仙台駅
Sendai Station
...?!

NISHINA, DOES YOUR FAMILY HAVE A HELICOPTER OR SOME-THING?!
WE CAN'T FLY IT IN THIS WEATH-ER!!
SO YOU DO?!
WHYYYY?!!

ENOUGH ALREADY!! WE'LL TAKE THE TAXI AND FERRY, THEN!!
AL-THOUGH IT'LL TAKE TWELVE HOURS !!
Mean-while..
札幌ノホテル
Sapporo Hotel

THERE'S ALWAYS SOMEONE GUARDING THE DOOR.
SO DON'T BOTHER TRYING TO LEAVE THE ROOM!
ガチャ
KER-CHAK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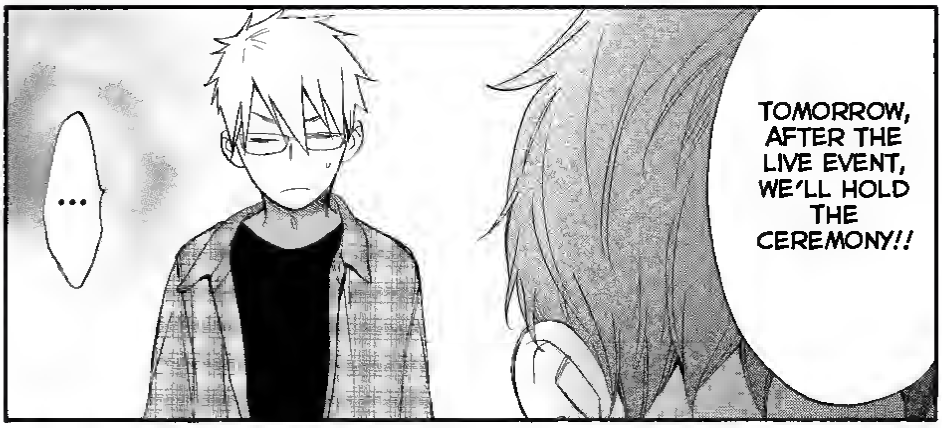
Here! Have some water!
BE A GOOD GIRL AND STAY HERE, OKAY, KAE-CHAN?
...
WHY...
WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS?!
"WHY"?
DIDN'T I TELL YOU?
THE REAL KAE-CHAN!!
'CAUSE I LOVE YOU!!

I HEAR ALL OF THEM STARTED COURTING YOU ONLY AFTER YOU BECAME BEAUTIFUL AND THIN.
IGARASHI-KUN, NANASHIMA-KUN, SHINOMIYA-KUN, AND MUTSUMI-SAN...
BUT THAT MEANS THEY ONLY CARE ABOUT YOUR APPEARANCE.
?!
WHA... WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "REAL" ...?!
I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO KNOWS YOUR TRUE GOODNESS ...!!
I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO UNDER-STANDS THAT.
BUT THAT'S NOT WHAT MAKES YOU WONDER-FUL, KAE-CHAN...!
THAT'S THE REAL YOU, KAE-CHAN...!!
YOU'RE MOST BEAUTIFUL THE WAY YOU LOOK NOW... BACK TO THE WAY YOU LOOKED A LONG TIME AGO.
AND PLUS, THOSE GUYS DON'T UNDER-STAND...

SNAP
パチン
MASA-HARU!
PULL
ぐい
TH...
THAT'S ...!!
RUSTLE
?!
LIFT

IT'S OKAY.
I HAVE IT ALL READY.
LEAVE IT ALL TO ME.
FLOAT
KAE-CHAN...

SMILE
ニヘラ
MARRY ME.
JOLT
ハッ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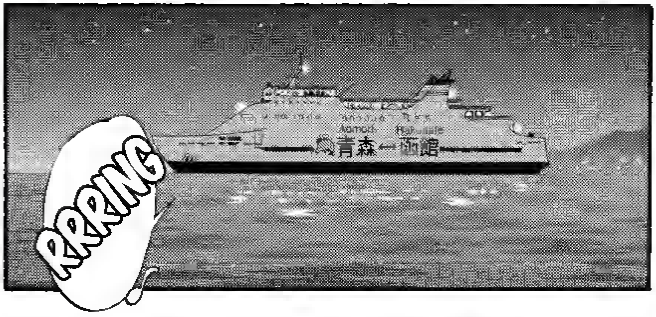
TOMORROW, AFTER THE LIVE EVENT, WE'LL HOLD THE CEREMONY!!


RRRING
青森 函館

TMP TMP
AAAH!

I'M IN SAPPORO NOW... WITH TAKERU.
WHAT?! SO YOU SET US UP, AFTER ALL!!
YOU'VE GOT IT ALL WRONG! LISTEN TO ME!!

BLEGH!
AKAI-SAN?!
?!
WHERE THE HECK ARE YOU...?!

WE'RE STAYING AT THE SAPPORO HOTEL.
SHE'S OKAY.
BUT THINGS ARE REALLY BAD...
YOU ONLY HAVE UNTIL TOMOR-ROW!!
?!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THA--
HUH?! HELLO?!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING, MASAHARU ?

TA-KERU !!
STOP THIS!
THIS ISN'T...
MASAHARU.

SO YOU WERE LEAKING INFO TO THEM...
I KNEW IT!
I'M SUR-PRISED YOU'D TRY SUCH A THING.

YOU PROMISED, DIDN'T YOU?
YOU SAID YOU'D LISTEN TO WHAT-EVER I SAID...
...AND FULFILL MY WISHES.
YOUR DAD WAS THE REASON WHY MY FAMILY BROKE APART...
...AND YOU SAID YOU WANTED TO ATONE FOR HIS ACTIONS AS HIS SON.
YOU SURE ARE SINCERE, MASA-HARU.
DESPITE THE FACT THAT YOUR DAD INCURRED ALL THAT DEBT IN THE JOINT BUSINESS AND RAN AWAY...
...HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU.
SLIDE
HOW KIND YOU ARE...

THERE'S NOT GONNA BE A THIRD TIME...
GOT IT?
SMILE
...
O... OKAY ...
NGH...
DROP
GOOD!
COUGH COUGH
NOW, THEN...
SHALL WE CHANGE HOTELS?
FWIP
SINCE THEY KNOW WE'RE HERE.

HEY,
HATO-KUN? IT'S ME.
SORRY TO BOTHER YOU AGAIN.
CAN I ASK YOU FOR ANOTHER FAVOR?
...
HOTEL YOUTH SAPPORO
The next day...
...
SEE YOU AFTER THE LIVE EVENT!
ALL RIGHT, I'LL BE RIGHT BACK!

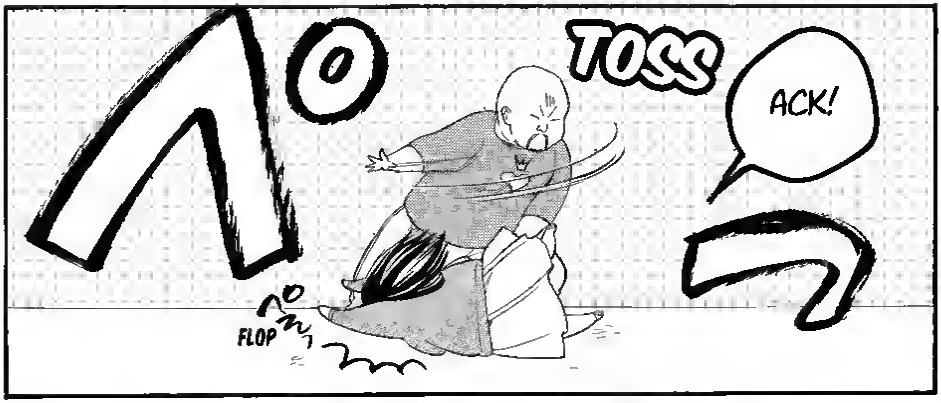
I CAN'T STAY HERE ...!!
FWOOSH
WHAT SHDULD I DO...?
...
I CAN'T GET THROUGH TO TAH-KUN ANY-MORE...!
GLANCE
GLANCE
B...BUT HOW...?!
IT'S NO USE! THERE'S A GUARD IN THE HALLWAY ...
MY ONLY WAY OUT IS THE WINDOW ...
ANYWAY, I GOTTA ESCAPE!
NOW'S MY ONLY CHANCE!!
WHOOSH
I...I KNOW !!
GASP

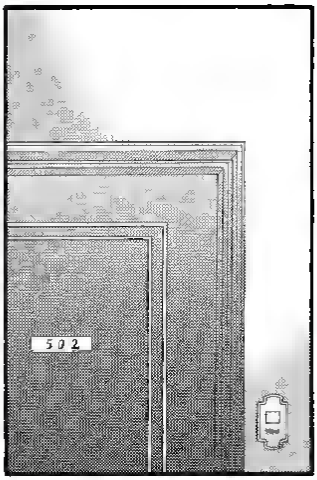
EEK!
TH...THIS WAS A RECKLESS IDEA!
CREAK
CREAK
WHOOSH
EEK?!
SLIP
WOBBLE
WOBBLE
I TIED ALL THE LINENS TOGETHER...
IF I CAN JUST DROP DOWN TO THE ROOM RIGHT BELOW...!!
WHOOSH
BOING
ROLL ROLL
ROLL ROLL
THUD
THUMP

Kae's room
Here
I...I FELL DOWN TO THE RESTAURANT TERRACE BELOW...
ARE YOU OKAY?!
WH... WHAT THE...?! DID YOU JUST FALL?!
TWITCH
TWITCH
I... I... I...
AMAZING... SHE HAS NO INJURIES!!
EEK!
ALL RIGHT! TIME TO GET OUTTA HERE!!
YEEHAW!!
MURMUR
MURMUR
Kae decided not to sweat the small things!!
IT WORKED!!
POSITIVE
WOOHOO!
WHAT AN EXCITED TOMBOY...
MY GOODNESS...
CLINK...

KER-CHAK
TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP
HUFF! PUFF!
THE FRONT ENTRANCE ISN'T GONNA WORK... SOMEONE'S THERE.
I'LL HAVE TO GO THROUGH THE BACK...
THIS IS AS FAR AS YOU GO...
WHAT A SHAME.
BOOM
...BUT I CAN'T LET YOU ESCAPE!
YOU GAVE IT YOUR BEST...

?!
WH... WHO ARE YOU?!
BOW
OH, FORGIVE ME! MY NAME IS HATO.
TAKERU ASKED ME TO "PROTECT" YOU.
HEH HEH HEH
IF YOU WANNA PASS, YOU'LL HAVE TO GET THROUGH ME!!
HMPH ...!!
THEN ...
GLINT
...I WON'T HOLD BACK!!
ARRRGHHH!!
BOOM


TOSS
ACK!
FLOP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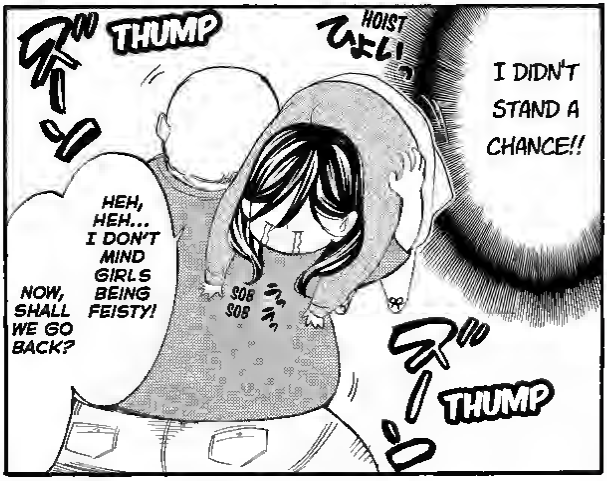
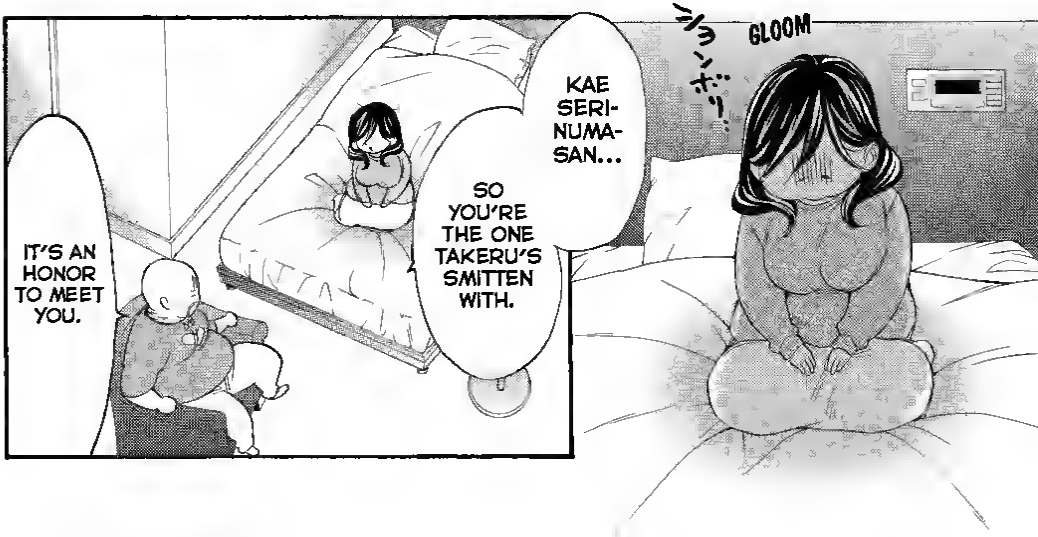

THUMP
HOIST
I DIDN'T STAND A CHANCE!!
HEH, HEH... I DON'T MIND GIRLS BEING FEISTY!
NOW, SHALL WE GO BACK?
SOB SOB
THUMP


GLOOM
KAE SERI-NUMA-SAN...
SO YOU'RE THE ONE TAKERU'S SMITTEN WITH.
IT'S AN HONOR TO MEET YOU.

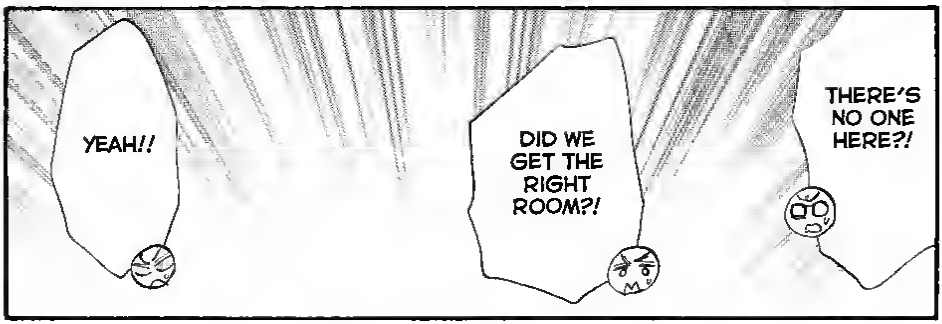
HE'S THE SAME AGE AS TAH-KUN?!
HUH ?!
I thought he was in his 30s
WE USED TO GO TO JUNIOR HIGH TOGETHER, THAT'S ALL.
WE'RE BEST FRIENDS... OR RATHER, BDSDM BUDDIES, IF YOU WILL.
H... HOW DO YOU KNOW TAH-KUN?
GULP
WE MET IN THE SUMMER...
I DON'T KNOW HOW THEY GOT THERE!!
I'm more of a mushroom guy!
WHAP
WHAP
THEY WERE IN YOUR BAG!!
LIAR!! THEN WHAT'S ALL THIS?!
You stole these bamboo shoots!!
I TOLD YOU, I DIDN'T SHOP-LIFT!!
Supermarket
KEN-CHAN
SIR!! YOU GOTTA SEE THIS!
THAT BO...
...ISN'T THE CULPRIT.

I'M SORRY... I GOT SCARED SHOVED THE STUFF IN THAT PERSON'S BAG AND RAN AWAY...
THIS GUY'S THE CULPRIT.
I SAW HIM.
キィ…
CREAK...
HM?
Uh...
THANK'S FOR YOUR HELP.
SUPERMARKET
ぽっ
BLUSH
I'M GLAD WE CLEARED UP THAT MIS-UNDER-STAND-ING!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
SMILE
ニコッ

I WAS CHARMED BY HIS DAZZLING SMILE AND HIS KIND HEART!
BAWL
JOLT
TAKERU'S SO NOBLE!! OH, SO NOBLE!!
THAT'S HOW WE ENDED UP HANGING OUT TOGETHER.
BUT SOMETIMES, THERE'D BE A DARKNESS IN TAKERU'S EYES...
LATER ON, I LEARNED THE REASON... HIS PAST.
...TO DO ANYTHING FOR TAKERU'S HAPPINESS!!
THAT'S WHEN I MADE THE DECISION ...
BWAAAAHH!
JOLT
JOLT
OF COURSE, I'M ALSO CHEERING ON HIS VOICE ACTING CAREER WITH ALL MY HEART!!
I'VE WATCHED ALL THE SHOWS THAT TAKERU'S IN, AND I GO TO ALL HIS EVENTS.
GASP
"KATCHU LOVE," TOO?!
Heh heh heh...
CLATTER
OF COURSE, I'M TOTALLY TEAM AKANE!!
ME TOO!!
She can't help but get excited, sadly.
THAT'S WHY, KAE SERINUMA-SAN...
EVEN HIS MARRIAGE TO YOU...

IF IT'S WHAT TAKERU WANTS, THEN I WANNA MAKE IT HAPPEN ...
CREAK...
...NO MATTER WHAT IT TAKES!
...!!
Meanwhile, at the Sapporo Hotel...
札幌ノホテル
Sapporo Hotel
BANG
SERI-NUMA-SAN!!

...?!
EMPTY


YEAH!!
DID WE GET THE RIGHT ROOM?!
THERE'S NO ONE HERE?!

STOMP
HEH, HEH, HEH...

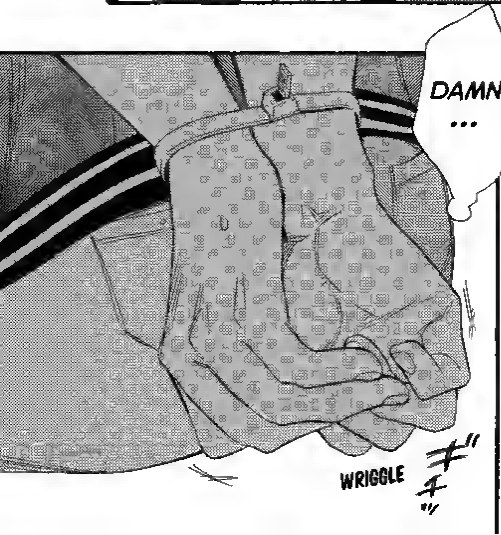
BOOM
UNFOR-TUNATELY FOR YOU...
...SHE ISN'T HERE.
WHERE DID YOU TAKE SERI-NUMA-SAN?!
TURN
Heh! Heh! Heh!
?!
WHO ARE YOU GUYS ?!
SNAP
I CAN'T TELL YOU THAT.
NOW BE GOOD AND DON'T MOVE.
WHAT THE HELL?! YOU WANNA GO?!
GRAB
Heh! Heh! Heh!
?!
LET GO OF ME!!

BOOM
I'M GONNA TAKE OUT THE LEADER !!
THIS IS GET-TING NO-WHERE !
TCH
THAT FOUR-EYED TRAITOR SET US UP, AFTER ALL!
SMACK
NO WAY !!
HE HAS SO MUCH FAT...
BOING
BOING
FWISH

SMACK
THUD
FWIP
THIS IS A WASTE OF TIME.
No way!
IGA-RASHI ?!
?!
PSSSHHH

HEY!
WHAT ?!
PSSSHHH
STOP ...
COUGH
COUGH
COUGH
COUGH

I DIDN'T SPRAY IT ON YOUR FACES, SO IT WON'T TAKE YOU LONG TO RECOVER.
SNAP
I TOOK A LITTLE SYMPATHY ON YOU GUYS.
COUGH
COUGH
COUGH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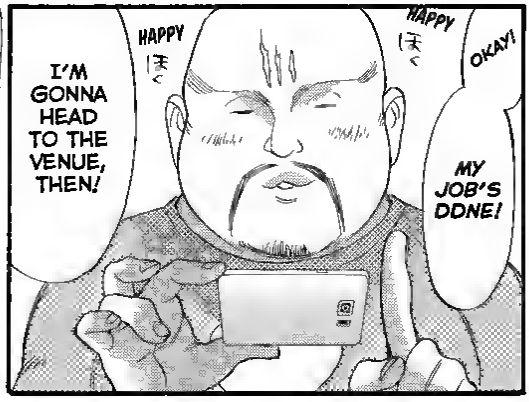
WRIGGLE


I'M GONNA HEAD TO THE VENUE, THEN!
HAPPY
HAPPY
OKAY!
MY JOB'S DONE!

YOU GUYS ARE GONNA STAY HERE.
TMP
TMP
TMP
UNTIL EVERY-THING IS OVER ...!
...?!
OH NO! IF WE'RE STUCK HERE...!!
SERINUMA-SAN!!
...!
INCRED-IBLE...!
KER-CHAK
L YOTTANI SAPPORO

JUST AS I THOUGHT!!
BEAUTIFUL...!
THAT'S MY KAE-CHAN...!
DON'T WORRY, OKAY?
JUST TRUST ME.
CLENCH
I'M GONNA MAKE YOU HAPPY...!
NOW, THEN...?
...SHALL WE GO?

TO THE CHURCH!
TO BE CONTINUED IN the DECEMBER issue

KISS HIM, NOT ME!
Who is XX?! Part 3
(The Final One!)
LAST TIME ...
THE CHARACTERS SWITCHED BODIES WITH EACH OTHER AND THINGS GOT INTO A SERIOUS MESS!
Last Time: Everyone's bodies are getting switched, and now even Nanashima and Nishina!! Can everyone switch back to their original selves?!
WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO ABOUT THIS ?!
WH...
WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO ?
Kae
Nishina
Nanashima
Igarashi
Mutsumi

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LET'S HURRY UP AND FIND HIM!
GASP!!
GASP!! BUT MUTSUMI'S OLDER BROTHER ISN'T HERE!!
THAT SLEAZE BAG IS PICKING UP GIRLS AGAIN!!
WHERE IS HE?!
SHRIEK
HUHHH?!
SHRIEK
THE ONLY THING WE CAN DO IS FALL AND GET KNOCKED OUT AGAIN!
第13話 卒業生一同
Graduation from the Club
BOOM
GASP!!
HUH?!
WHAT?!
SORRY, SENPAI!!
SNAP
GRAB

SENPAI, THIS IS OUR CHANCE! LET'S HAVE SOME FUN BEFORE WE SWITCH BACK!
?!
じゅるり
DROOL
OH MY GOD! THIS IS...!!
SHINO-MIYA-KUN!! TAKE A PIC OF US, WILL YOU?!
UH, SURE!!
HUH?!
SNAP

YEAH! CUT IT OUT! THIS IS BLAS-PHEMY!!
WH...WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING WITH SOMEONE ELSE'S BODY?!!
TREMBLE TREMBLE TREMBLE TREMBLE TREMBLE TREMBLE

URK!
JOLT
GULP
HMPH!
WHISPER
"BLAS-PHEMY"?
FOR SOMEONE WHO SAID "THESE BOOBS ARE MINE"...
...YOU SHOULDN'T TALK!
Not above playing the same game

OKAY, I'M GONNA TAKE IT!
OKAY!!

OKAY, LET'S CONTINUE!
YEAH! LET'S KEEP GOING!!
NGHH...
Damn woman!

SNAP
BANG!
DANGER!!
SNAP
IF THAT'S THE WAY YOU GUYS ARE GONNA BE, WE'RE GONNA DO WHATEVER WE WANT, TOO!!
STOP WITH THOSE POSES!!
DAMMIT, YOU TWO!! I CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE!!
This is so not cool!!

I...I'M SO LUCKY!!
GASP
S...SERI-NUMA!!
NO, IT'S IGARASHI, BUT...SERI-NUMA...!!
GRAB
COME ON, NANA!!
ACK!
BOOM
I CAN'T !!
HUH ?!
ANNOYED
I DON'T WANNA DO THIS KINDA STUFF WITH NISHINA! NO WAY!!
Tch
SO HE NOTICED ...
YOU MIGHT BE COOL WITH IT, BUT I GAIN NOTHING FROM THIS!

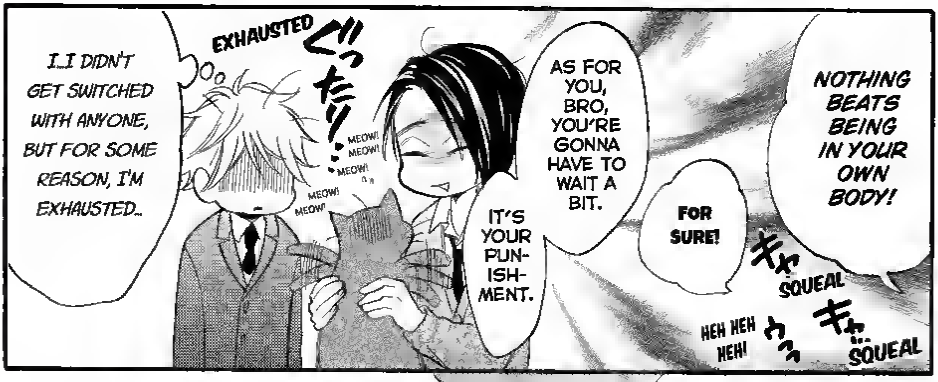
I'M STILL GONNA DO IT! IN MY PURSUIT OF ALL THAT IS CUTE!!
I'M GONNA KILL YOU!!
HOW RUDE !!
I HATE DOING STUFF WITH YOUR BODY, TOO, IGARASHI!! IT MAKES ME WANNA PUKE!!
THEN DON'T DO IT!!
TMP TMP TMP TMP
HEY!! NOT AGAIN !!
A〃〃 !! DASH
FINE!!
I'M GONNA HAVE MY OWN FUN, THEN!!
COME BACK !!
UH... OKAY !!
OKAY, LET'S CONTINUE!!
...THERE ARE MORE AND MORE SLEAZY-LOOKING PICS OF IGARASHI-SENPAI AND NANASHIMA-SENPAI ON MY PHONE...
SNAP
SNAP
TOTALLY! ♡
YEAH! LET'S DO THAT, TOO! ♡
I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT THE HECK I'M DOING ...
UH, OKAY
ALL RIGHT, SHINOMIYA-KUN! TAKE THE PIC!!
COME ON!!

IT'LL BE FINE!
C'MON, SHIMA-CHAN!!
YANK
UH, NO, I...!
I'm good! Like I really don't want to!
OKAY!
HUH ?!
SHINO-MIYA-KUN!
LET'S GET YOU IN THESE PIC-TURES, TOO!!
I'm not afraid of anything anymore, y'know!
HEH, HEH... THE TWO OF US HAVE DONE A LOT OF "STUFF" BEFORE, HAVEN'T WE?
DON'T GET ALL EMBAR-RASSED ON ME NOW! ♡
TUG
H-HEEK !!
PLEASE DON'T REMIND ME!!
Mean-while...
IGARA-SHIII! GET BACK HERE!!
TMP
TMP
TMP
Has totally become the dominant partner →
HEH HEH HEH... THEN SHALL WE DO IT AGAIN?
This time, I'll be the one who
NOOOO!!
SEN-PAI, NICE MOVE !!

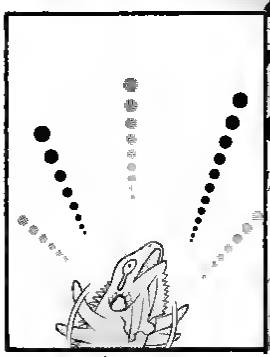
YOU DUN-NO WHEN TO QUIT, NANA!!
WILL YOU JUST GIVE UP ALREA-
...?!
TRIP
AHHHH!!
THUD THUD THUD
SERI...
IGARASHI!!!!
CRASH
HUH?
OH?!
MU-TSUMI-SEN... I MEAN, HIS OLDER BRO-THER ...?!
OW...
ARE YOU OKAY?!

I MANAGED TO SWITCH WITH MY BROTHER EARLIER.
しょんぼり GLOOM
TAKE THAT!
Older brother
NOPE... IT'S ME, MUTSUMI.
LISTEN!
IF THE PAIRS THAT HAVE TO BE SWITCHED FALL TOGETHER, THERE WON'T BE ANY CONFUSION.
LET'S GIVE IT A SHOT.
OKAY, ALL OF YOU SWITCH BACK, TOO!!
HUH? BUT HOW...?!
YOU HAVE TO FALL!
SHOVE
SHOVE
HUH?
AHHHH!!
OKAY, HAVE A SAFE TRIP!!
SHOVE
BUT THERE'S NO GUARANTEE THAT...
ACK!
SO RUTHLESS!!
THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD
Okay, next up!
H... Heeek!

WE'RE BACK! FINALLY !!!
SIGH!


I..I DIDN'T GET SWITCHED WITH ANYONE, BUT FOR SOME REASON, I'M EXHAUSTED..
EXHAUSTED
ぐったり
MEOW! MEOW! MEOW! MEOW! MEOW!
IT'S YOUR PUN-ISH-MENT.
AS FOR YOU, BRO, YOU'RE GONNA HAVE TO WAIT A BIT.
FOR SURE!
NOTHING BEATS BEING IN YOUR OWN BODY!
キャ SQUEAL
キュ... SQUEAL
HEH HEH HEH!

PHEW, I'M BEAT..
ワオーン AROOO
WOBBLE WOBBLE
THOR.. I'LL HAVE THOR PERK ME UP!
THOR
THOR, I'M HOME! ♡
ガチャ KER-CHAK



THE END ☆

Make sure to check out the anime! ♡

The next day...
SHINOMIYA-KUN ISN'T COMING DOWN FROM THE TREE.
STARE
MAYBE HE'S GOING MAD.
WHAT'S UP WITH HIM?
Maybe we went too far yesterday...

#42 A MARRIAGE PROPOSAL THAT CAN'T BE REFUSED

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PLEASE PUT YOUR HANDS TOGETHER FOR THE BRIDE!
WOOHOO!
CLAP CLAP
WHISTLE
CLAP CLAP
キィィ…
CREAK
キィィ…
CREAK

BOOM
CRAMPED
CRAMPED
STOMP
STOMP
THERE'S NO WAY FOR ME TO RUN AWAY!
I...I HAD NO IDEA THEY WERE TWINS...
NOW, THEN...
KAE-CHAN.

DO YOU, TAKERU MITSUBOSHI, TAKE THIS WOMAN TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, FOR RICHER, FOR POORER, IN SICKNESS AND IN HEALTH...
TO LOVE AND TO CHERISH, UNTIL DEATH DO YOU PART?
I DO.
AND DO YOU, KAE SERINUMA, TAKE THIS MAN...
TAH-KUN...
DO YOU REALLY THINK THIS IS OKAY...?!
OF COURSE!
STOP MAKING ME REPEAT MYSELF!
TAH-KUN ...!!
WHERE'S THE TAH-KUN I ONCE KNEW...?!
NOW, THEN ...
YOU MAY KISS THE BRIDE ...
HUH ?!

C'MON! HOLD STILL!!
NGH!!
Hato's hand
CLATTER
I DON'T WANT TO!!
NO! NO! NO!!
DON'T!
SQUEEZE
SQUEEZE
SQUEEZE
STOP!
SQUEEZE
SQUEEZE
NO!
SQUEEZE
THIS IS NOT AMUSING!!
FSSSHHH
OH KAE-CHAN, HOW AMUSING!!

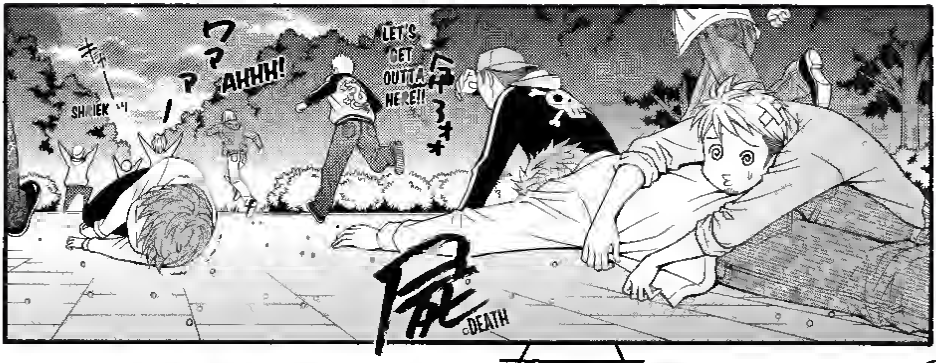
WHA--?!
OH NO!!
PSSSHHH
MURMUR
HUH? SMOKE ?
THIS IS SMOKE !!
WHAT'S GOING ON?!
FSSSHHH
RUN!
AHHHH!
DON'T PUSH!
Hurry! Hurry!
THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD
THIS WAY !!
A FIRE !!
STAY CALM AND FOLLOW MY LEAD!!
COUGH
COUGH
COUGH
WH... WHAT'S GOING ON?!
I CAN'T SEE...
AHHHH!

YANK
?!
FWOOSH
AHHHH!!!
BOOM
HOLY CRAP!! WHAT'S GOING ON?!
HUH ?!
HEY, LOOK!!
SHE'S OVER THERE !!
COUGH
COUGH

AFTER HER!!
HEY! COME BACK HERE !!
TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP
HOW'D SHE GET ALL THE WAY THERE ?!
Weird!
SHE MUST'VE RUN OFF DURING THE CONFUSION!
Nice!
I GOT HER...
YANK
POW
HUH?!
STAND

BOOM
FIIIRE!!
?!

BAM
BAM
BAM
BAM
OW OW OW OW!!
No way!
ARE THEY NUTS ?!
WHAT IS THAT?! AN AIR GUN?!
YOU'RE HITTING US! YOU'RE HITTING US!!
WHAP
WHAP
WHAP
YOW !!
ROGER THAT!!
RA TAT TAT TAT TAT
RA TAT TAT TAT-TAT-
OBLI-TER-ATE THEM !!


AHHH!
LET'S GET OUTTA HERE!!
SHRIEK
FAIL
DEATH

ANYTHING'S POSSIBLE WITH YOU, HUH...
Seriously...
That's a little intimi-dating...
HMPH!
IT CAME IN HANDY, DIDN'T IT?!

WE CAN'T LAND, SO WE'RE HEADING BACK TO BASE!
NICE! WELL DONE, GUYS!! MISSION ACCOM-PLISHED!!
ROGER!!
OH, AND KEEP THIS A SECRET FROM MY FATHER!!
OKAY!

URK!
FORGET IT...!!
THANKS TO SHINO-MIYA'S QUICK WIT, IT LOOKS LIKE WE'RE GONNA MAKE IT!!

YEAH! YOU DID GOOD!!
Nice job leading them!!
Good thing they weren't able to tell it was me!
TH...THANK GOODNESS THE PLAN WORKED!!
PANT
PANT

Three hours earlier...
札幌ノホテル
Sapporo Hotel
WELL, WELL!
GIVE IT UP.
KER-CHAK
IT'S FUTILE.
HEY, WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO?!
TIME IS...
THIS IS BAD...
CRAP!!
SHINO-MIYA-KUN?!
...!
DRIP
DRIP
DRIP
HUH?!
You're kidding me

DUDE... THIS ISN'T THE TIME TO BE CRYING!!
You idiot!
BUT I...
I GOTTA GO TO THE BATH-ROOM!!
WHAAA?!
That doesn't make it okay!
FIDGET
FIDGET
I GOTTA GOOO!!
YOU THINK I'M GONNA LET YOU?!
DO YOUR BUS-INESS THERE ...
TCH!
Shut up!
WATERY
PLEASE...
HUH?!
URK!

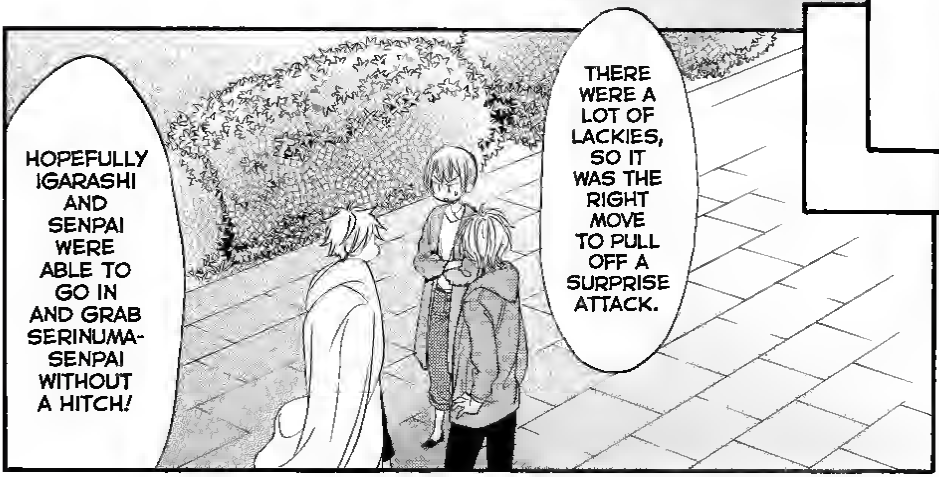
M-ME, TOO! I'M ABOUT TO GO IN MY PANTS !!
THEN IT SHOULO WORK FOR A GIRL LIKE ME ...!!
WAHHH!
Oh!
THANK YOU SO MUCH...
WELL...
I SUPPOSE HE WON'T BE ANY TROUBLE.
Ah, whatever!
WHAAAT?! IT WORKED!
UH, I DON'T THINK SO..
Heh heh!
THAT'S SEXIST! I'LL SUE!!
HOW AWFUL!!
SHOCK
You can learn a thing or two from Hayato-kyun!
PTOO!
PTOO!
NOT YOU!! AFTER THE STRUGGLE YOU PUT UP, YOU THINK YOU'RE GONNA FOOL ME NOW?!
HUH ?!
What did you say Igarashi?!
D-DON'T WATCH ME!!
MAKE IT QUICK!!
I KNOW!!
TURN
SLAM

YOW!!
CLATTER
ガ"
ガ"
CLATTER
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
カチャカチャ
ジ
ZIIIIIP
M...MY ZIPPER'S...
YOUR ZIPPER ?!
FLUSTERED
あぁ
WH... WHAT'S THE MATTER ?!
あぁ
FLUSTERED
SPLASH
CLINT

THUD
?!
WHAT WAS THAT ?!
SLIP
S... STOP!
PSHOO
PSHOO
AGH...
MY EYES! MY EYES !!
TAKE THAT! AND THAT !!
KER-CHAK
WHAT'S GOING ON?!
WHOOSH
WHACK
?!
WH... WHAT THE?!
THUD
THUD
THUD
AHHH!
WOBBLE
HUH?!

BANG
ALL RIGHT! I TOOK THEM BOTH DOWN!!
LET'S MAKE OUR ESCAPE NOW WHILE WE STILL CAN!!
HUH?! AMAZING!! ONCE IN A WHILE, YOU PULL IT TO-GETHER!!
I GUESS YOU ARE HANDY ONCE IN A WHILE!!
YOU'RE SO COOL, SHINO-MIYA-KUN! ONCE IN A WHILE !!
STOP REPEATING "ONCE IN A WHILE" !!
Thanks!
SNAP
YES!! IT'S OFF!
NICE!
NICE!
Good boy!
RUB
RUB
GOOD JOB, SHINO!!
WHAT DO WE DO NOW?!
THOSE GUYS WHO WERE GUARDING US MIGHT KNOW SOMETHING.
OKAY, LET'S WAKE THEM UP!
WAIT! I GOT A MES-SAGE!!

Masaharu Akai
Nishihashi Church
LOOK !!
A CHURCH ...?
AND WHAT'S THAT?!
A dress?!
F-FOUND IT! IT'S ABOUT AN HOUR AND A HALF AWAY FROM HERE.
BUT CAN WE STILL TRUST HIM?!
THE PHOTO HE SENT IS OF SERINUMA-SAN ANO MITSU-BOSHI-KUN, THOUGH!
I GUESS WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO GO...
ALL RIGHT!
THEN...
LET'S GO PREP-ARED!!


THERE WERE A LOT OF LACKIES, SO IT WAS THE RIGHT MOVE TO PULL OFF A SURPRISE ATTACK.
HOPEFULLY IGARASHI AND SENPAI WERE ABLE TO GO IN AND GRAB SERINUMA-SENPAI WITHOUT A HITCH!

?!
SO YOU WERE BEHIND THIS...
YOU MANAGED TO ESCAPE, I SEE... I APPLAUD YOU FOR THAT...

BUT YOU'RE A LITTLE NAIVE...
YOU'RE GETTING TOO AHEAD OF YOUR-SELVES, MY SWEET KITTENS.
YOUR TRICKS WON'T WORK ON ME!!
BOOM

POP
Bullets
N... NO WAY !!
They got buried inside ?!
HMPH!!
CLENCH
YOUR B.B. GUNS ...
...HAVE NO EFFECT !!
GULP
SHUDDER
IS HE SOME KINDA MON-STER ...?!
WHOOM
WHOOM
WHOOM
THE HELI-COPTER WAS A NICE TOUCH, THOUGH ...
HOW, THEN ...
WHOOM
WHOOM
Mean-while...
LET'S PUT AN END TO THIS!!

KAE-CHAN?
WHERE ARE YOU?!
コホッ
COUGH
THE SMOKE'S SETTLING...
ブシュウウウ
PSSSSHHHH
SHE LEFT WITH HER FRIENDS.
KAE-CHAN!!
HATO-KUN?!
!
MASA...?!

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH, TAKERU.
YOU STILL WON'T BE HAPPY IF YOU MARRY HER LIKE THIS...
YOU KNOW THAT, RIGHT?!
YOU...
YOU BE-TRAYED ME!!
YOU'RE JUST ENAMORED WITH THE PAST!!
SHUT UP!!
WHAT DO YOU KNOW?!
YOU JUST HAVE TO LISTEN TO WHAT I SAY!
THAT WAS THE PRO-MISE!!
YEAH...
CLENCH

WE DID EVERY-THING TOGETH-ER...
I WANTED TO FULFILL YOUR DREAMS OF BECOMING A VOICE ACTOR...
NO...
I DID IT IN THE HOPES THAT I COULD ATONE FOR MY FATHER'S SINS...
I DID IT FOR MYSELF ...
BUT...
...WE TRIED HARD TO-GETHER, DIDN'T WE?!
...
!!
GRAB

THE TRUTH IS, I SHOULD'VE STOPPED YOU SOONER...
...IF I WAS REALLY LOOKING OUT FOR YOU...
I'M SORRY ...!!
STOP CHASING THE PAST, TAKERU!
YOU HAVE TALENT, YOU CAN AIM EVEN HIGHER ...
AND YOU'LL MEET LOTS OF PEOPLE...
YOU HAVE A FUTURE!
LOOK TOWARDS YOUR FUTURE ...!!
...
MASA-HARU ...
SQUEEZE

BZZT
STAGGER
UH...
TA...
...KE...
...RU...
THUD

TMP
TA...
...KE...
...RU...
I TOLD YOU THERE WOULDN'T BE A THIRD TIME.

AGH!!
SKIIID
NANA-SHIMA-SEN-PAI!!
Heh heh heh
DAMN!!
He's so strong!
WHAT DO WE DO?!
HE'S SO FAST FOR HIS SIZE!!
AND ANY ATTACKS BOUNCE OFF HIS FAT!
ANYWAY, WE HAVE TO HOLD HIM OFF EVEN IF WE CAN'T BRING HIM DOWN!
WE HAVE TO HANG ON UNTIL SERINUMA MANAGES TO GET SOME-WHERE SAFE.
OH? DO YOU THINK ...
...THAT YOU'LL BE ABLE TO GET HER OUT OF HERE BY HOLD-ING ME OFF?

IT'S NO USE !!
MY TWIN BROTHER IS RIGHT ON HER TAIL!
I came outside 'cause I sensed something fishy...
HUH?!
TWIN BRO-THER ?!
HEH HEH... AND MY BROTHER IS A 100 TIMES STRONGER THAN ME!
HUHHH?!
A 100 TIMES ?!!
THEN WE GOTTA HURRY UP AND HELP THEM!!
WE CAN'T WASTE ANY MORE TIME!
YOU GUYS !!
STOMP
STOMP
GRAB HIS LEGS FOR JUST A MOM-ENT!
O... OKAY !!
AHHHHHH!!
DASH
BOOM
AH!

BAM
OKAY !!
TMP TMP
TMP
DIG DEEP, SHINO-MIYA!!
TMP
TMP
WHOOSH
HUH ?!
TAKE THIS!
LOCK
NGH!
LATCH

AGHHH!!
BOOM
PURI-PURI-MOON DIAMOND BUSTER!!!

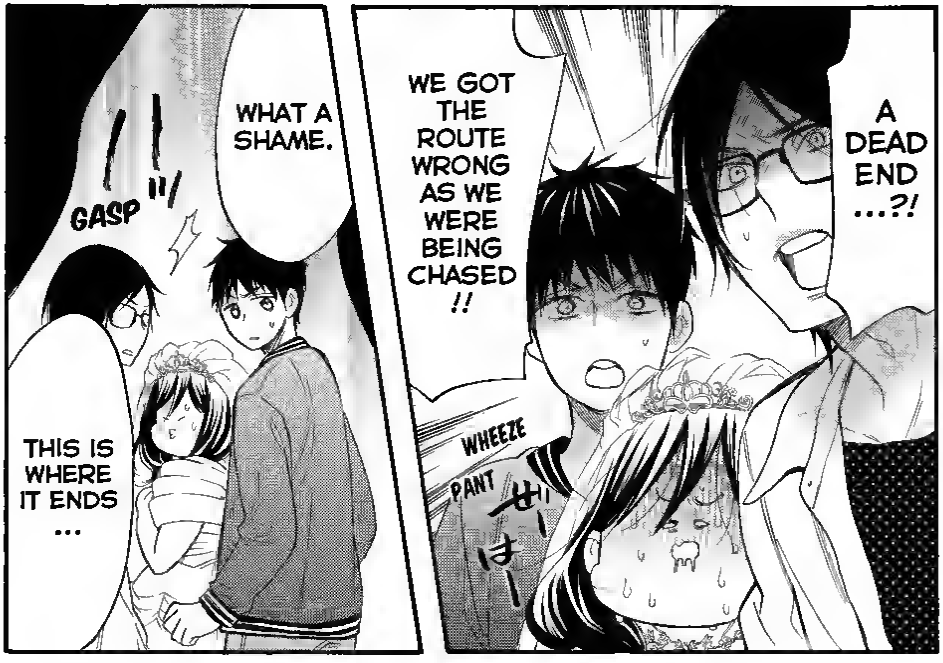
AMAZING! YOU'RE SO COOL!! DIAMOND!
SQUEAL SQUEAL
キャー キャー
PANT PANT
I DIDN'T THINK I COULD DO THAT, BUT...
HOW DO YA LIKE THAT ?!!
HOW DO YA LIKE THAT ?!!
YEAH, RIGHT ?!

DEMOLISHED
ずっぽり

THAT'S NOT THE RIGHT WAY...!
WHAT ?!
THEY'RE EXITING THE FOREST AS PLANNED !!
HUH? WAIT...
NISHINA, WHERE ARE THEY?
ON IT!
OKAY!
LET'S GO MEET UP WITH IGARASHI AND THE OTHERS !!

TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP
COME BACK HERE !!
IT'S NO USE GOING THAT WAY!!
Mean-while...
TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP
CRAP!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, SERINUMA-SAN?!
HE'S STILL AFTER US!!
He sure doesn't give up!
Y... YEAH!
SHWIP
IF WE CAN GET TO THE ROAD, THERE'LL BE A CAR WAITING FOR US, SO...
...RUN!!
OKAY!

BOOM
?!


A DEAD END ...?!
WE GOT THE ROUTE WRONG AS WE WERE BEING CHASED !!
WHEEZE
PANT
WHAT A SHAME.
GASP
THIS IS WHERE IT ENDS ...

GRAB
WHOOM
CRASH
TMP
SEN-PAI!! IGA-RASHI-KUN!!

TMP
FOUND YOU!
KAE-CHAN.
TMP
TMP
SHALL WE?
TMP
TMP
D... DON'T COME ANY CLOS-ER!!
WE STILL HAVEN'T FINISHED THE CERE-MONY.
RETREAT

NOW, THEN ...
JOLT
TOUCH
IT'S TIME TO KISS THE BRIDE ...!
TO BE CONTINUED IN the JANUARY issue

KISS HIM, NOT ME!
BY JUNKO
#43 TRUE LOVE

THE OLDER HATO BROTHER MIGHT'VE DONE SOMETHING TO THEM!
WHAT ...?!
SENPAI TOOK A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT ROUTE FROM THE ONE PLANNED!!
OH NO! WE GOTTA HURRY!!

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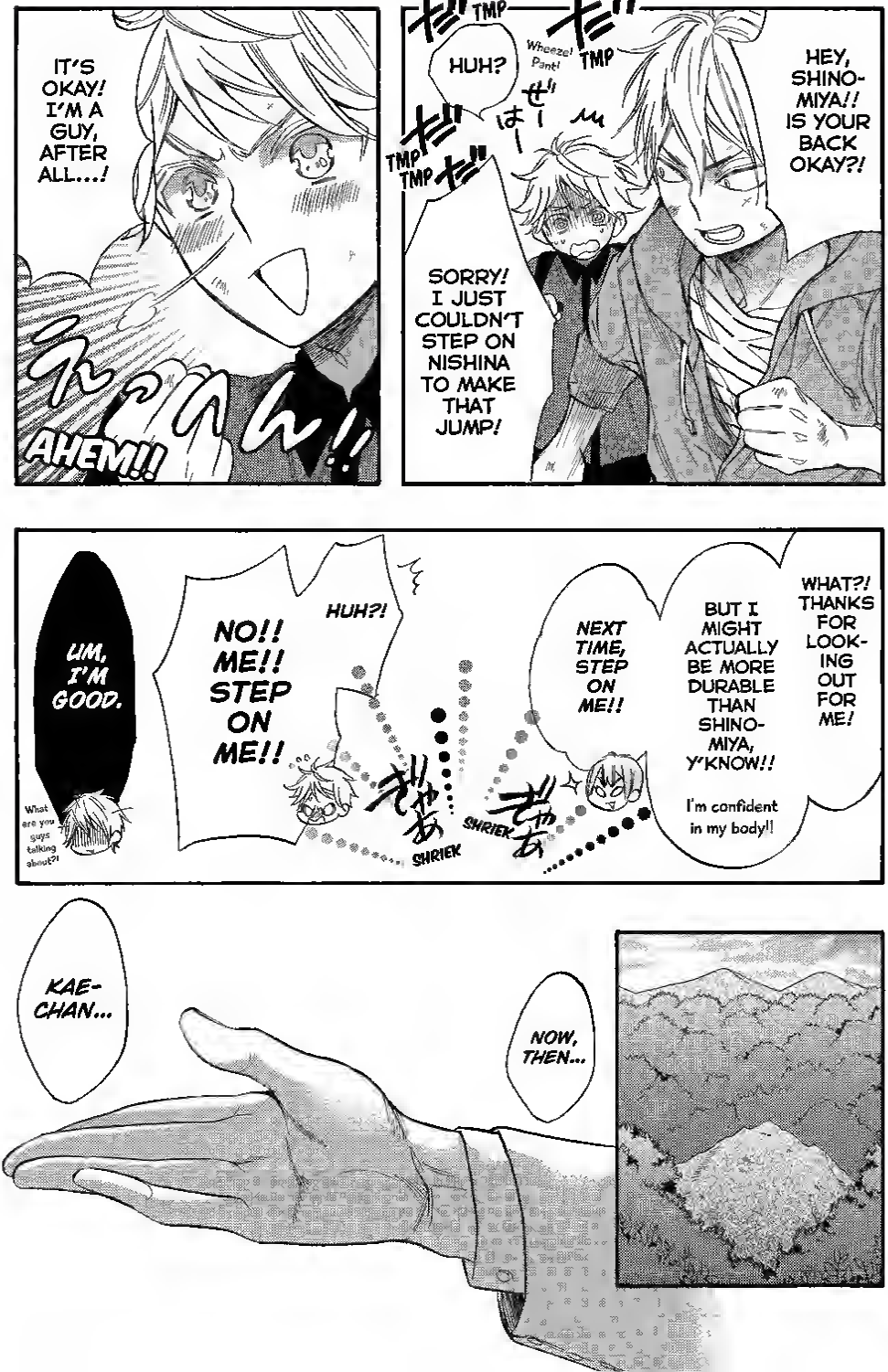
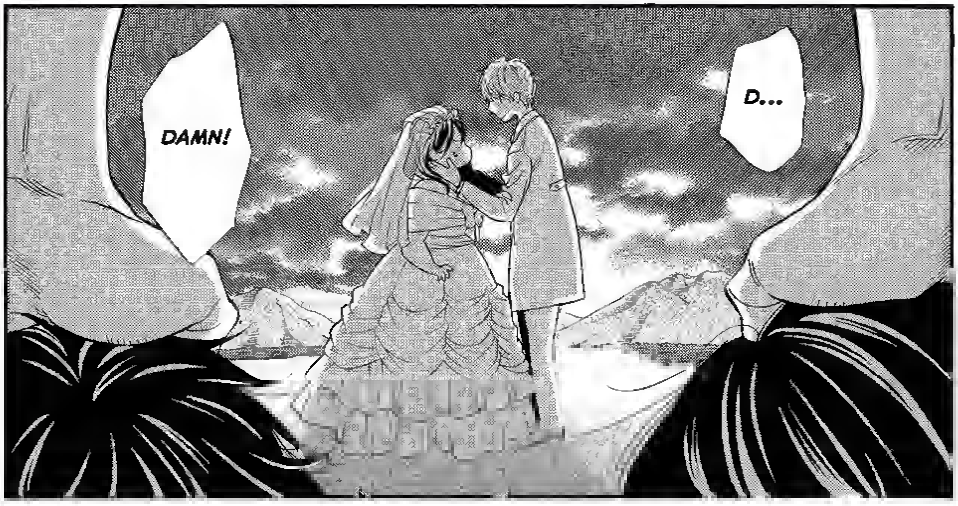

IT'S OKAY! I'M A GUY, AFTER ALL...!
AHEM!!
HEY, SHINO-MIYA!! IS YOUR BACK OKAY?!
TMP TMP
HUH?
Wheeze! Pant!
TMP TMP TMP
SORRY! I JUST COULDN'T STEP ON NISHINA TO MAKE THAT JUMP!
UM, I'M GOOD.
What are you guys talking about?!
HUH?!
NO!! ME!! STEP ON ME!!
SHRIEK
SHRIEK
NEXT TIME, STEP ON ME!!
BUT I MIGHT ACTUALLY BE MORE DURABLE THAN SHINO-MIYA, Y'KNOW!!
I'm confident in my body!!
WHAT?! THANKS FOR LOOK-ING OUT FOR ME!
KAE-CHAN...
NOW, THEN...


DAMN!
D...

HEH HEH ...
H...HOW DID HE KNOW WE'D BE HERE?!

YOU GUYS ARE CRAZY!!
?!
Y... YOU WENT THAT FAR ?!

THERE'S A GPS TRANS-MITTER ON THE TIARA.
WE HAVE TO ENSURE THE BRIDE'S SAFETY AT ALL COSTS, Y'KNOW ...!!

"CRAZY"?
THAT'S EXACTLY WHY...
...TAKERU'S LOVE FOR THE GIRL IS REAL...!!
KAE-CHAN...
SERI-NUMA-SAN!!
...N...

NOOOO!!!
KAPOW
URGH!
NGH!
THUD
Tekeru
SERI-NUMA-SAN!!
STOP IT!!
YOU'RE NOT GONNA HAVE YOUR WAY ANYMORE, TAH-KUN!!
Amazing!
RAWR

WH-WHAT?! C-COME AT ME!!
RUSTLE
MY "KAME-KAMEHA" EMITS FIRE, Y'KNOW!!
RISE...
...RE-FUSING ME...?!
WHY ARE YOU...
WH...
SCRAPE
CRACKLE
Pant
Pant
IF YOU'RE GONNA KEEP REJECT-ING ME ...
THERE'S ...
...NO TELLING WHAT I'LL DO ...!
!!

KAE-CHAN!
WHY ARE YOU REJECT-ING ME LIKE THIS?!
YOU SAID YOU'D PRO-TECT ME!
YOU PROMISED ME THAT WE'D ALWAYS BE TOGETH-ER...!!
KAE-CHAN...
YOUR WORDS KEPT ME GOING!
HUH? WE'RE MOVING?
TODAY?! BUT WHY?!
THAT'S HOW I WAS ABLE TO GET THIS FAR!
NOOO!!
DAD!!
I THOUGHT ...
Thief
Trash
Unforgivable
Fool
Idiot
Worthless
Return the money!

...THAT WE'D MEET AGAIN!!
SERINUMA
TAH-KUN!
OH, GROW UP!
YOU BE QUIET !!
SLAM
ARE YOU GONNA DRAG OUT THAT CHILD-HOOD SOB STORY...
...FOR-EVER ?!

STOP!
!!
TAH-KUN!! MAKE HIM STOP!!
WHOOSH
WHO CARES ABOUT THEM ?!!
THOSE GUYS DON'T KNOW THE REAL YOU, KAE-CHAN!
THEY JUST FLOCKED TO YOU 'CAUSE YOU GOT PRETTY!!
I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO LOVES AND CARES ABOUT THE REAL YOU!!
WHY CAN'T YOU SEE THAT?!

...
NO
...
...TAH-KUN.
YOU'RE WRONG ...
YOU DON'T SEE THE REAL ME!!
YOU ONLY SEE THE KAE YOU KNEW IN THE PAST!!

YOU SAID YOU WANTED ME TO RETURN TO MY OLD FIGURE ...
... SAYING THAT...
... THAT'S WHAT MADE ME WHO I AM...
!!
BUT YOU'RE WRONG ...!!
IF YOU ONLY ACKNOW-LEDGE THIS FIGURE TO BE KAE SERI-NUMA...
...THEN YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SEES ME ONLY FOR MY PHYSICAL APPEAR-ANCE!!

...!!
NO ...
AND ALSO ...
...YOU HAVE EVERY-ONE WRONG !!
IT'S TRUE THAT ...
...MY CHANGE IN APPEARANCE WAS WHAT STARTED EVERYTHING.
BUT ...
...I WAS STILL THE SAME PERSON INSIDE.
EVEN SO...
...THEY JOINED IN MY HOBBIES, HUNG OUT WITH ME...
...AND DID ALL THEY COULD TO HELP ME WHEN I WAS IN TROUBLE ...
THEY DID ALL THAT... EVEN THOUGH I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO RECIPROCATE THEIR FEELINGS.
やっぱりみんなと

YEAH... THEY WERE ALWAYS THERE...
...UNTIL I SORTED OUT MY FEELINGS ...
I..I'VE BEEN IMPOSING ON THEIR KIND-NESS.
A... AND THEY SAID THAT THEY'D WAIT...
... WATCHING OVER ME...!!
THAT'S RIGHT!
ぎゅっ
CLENCH

THEY'VE NEVER ONCE TRIED TO USE FORCE LIKE YOU DO, TAH-KUN !!

YOU WOULDN'T BE TO-GETHER WITH ME!!
WELL...
IF I DIDN'T DO THAT...
...YOU WOULDN'T STAY WITH ME!
CLENCH
ギュッ
LUNGE
SERI-NUMA-SAN!!

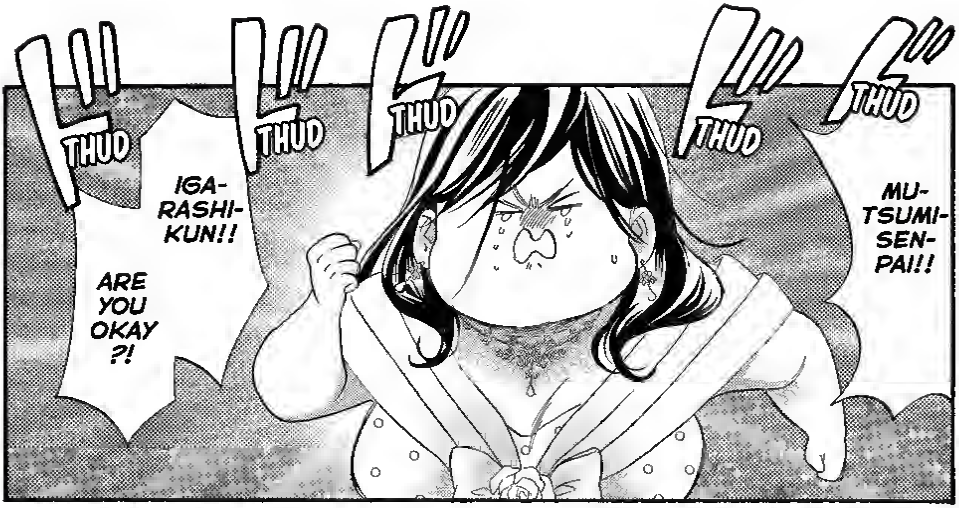
GLARE
HMPH!!
FWOOSH
SHE DODGED HIM ...?!
SO FAST !!
ARGH!
CREAK
CREAK
CREAK
THUMP

ENOUGH!!
WHOOSH
HUH?

ドオオオン
SLAM
FLASH
DROP

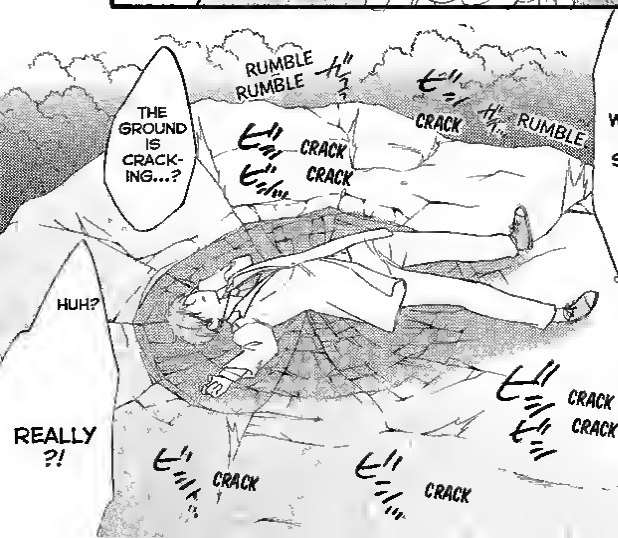
FWIP
TA-
KERU
!!
GRAB
FLING
I...IGARASHI-KUN!!
CATCH
TAKE
THIS
!!
...
FWIP

CRACKLE
COLLAPSE
THUD
OW ...
THUD
BAM
FAT DOESN'T ADHERE TO THE SKULL...!
Pant
WHUMP


THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD
IGA-RASHI-KUN!!
ARE YOU OKAY ?!
MU-TSUMI-SEN-PAI!!

TMP
YOU'RE NOT HURT, ARE YOU?!
NOT AT ALL!! WHAT ABOUT YOU TWO...?!
WE'RE FINE!!
LET'S GET OUT OF HERE WHILE WE STILL CAN!!

SERI-NUMA-SAN!!


RUMBLE RUMBLE
CRACK
RUMBLE
CRACK CRACK
THE GROUND IS CRACK-ING...?
HUH?
REALLY ?!
CRACK CRACK
CRACK
CRACK

WHAT'S THAT SOUND ...?
CRACK
CRACK
LET'S HURRY AND MEET WITH NANA AND THE OTHERS ...
?!

THE CLIFF...IS STARTING TO CRUMBLE ?!
CRUMBLE
CRUMBLE
CRUMBLE
N...NO WAY! FROM THE IMPACT EARLIER ...?!
TAH-KUN!!
CRACK
CRACK
CRACK
TAH-KUN, WAKE UP!!
IT'S DANGER-OUS!
TAH-KUN!!
CRACK
!!
TAH-KUN!!
DASH
NO, SERI-NUMA-SAN!! IT'S TOO DANGER-OUS!!
GRAB
BUT HE'S GONNA ...

TAH-KUN!!
IGA-RASHI-KUN...
PUSH
WHUMP
?!
HUH? MU-TSUMI-SAN?!
TURN
HOLD SERINUMA-SAN TIGHTLY!!
SQUEEZE
SENPA...?!
IT'S GONNA BE ALL RIGHT!!

WAIT HERE !!

DASH
MITSU-BOSHI-KUN!!
NGH..
COUGH
SEN-PAI!!
MU-TSU-MI-SAN!!
HOIST
C'MON!!
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
CRACK
CRACK
CRACK
CRACK
CRACK

THUMP
SENPAI!!!!!
THUMP
THUD
THUD
THUD
ぎゅっ
SQUEEZE
…!

NOOOOOO!!
IT'S SERI-NUMA !!
DASH
THAT SCREAM ...
RATTLE
RATTLE
?!

HEY, IGA-RASHI !!
SLAP
SERI-NUMA?!
WHAT HAP-PENED ?!
HEY, MAN!!
GASP
?!
IT'S MU-TSUMI-SAN...!
GRAB
H... HELP !!
HURRY AND CALL FOR HELP!!

HE'S ...!
WEEWOO!
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WEEWOO!
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KAE
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KAE
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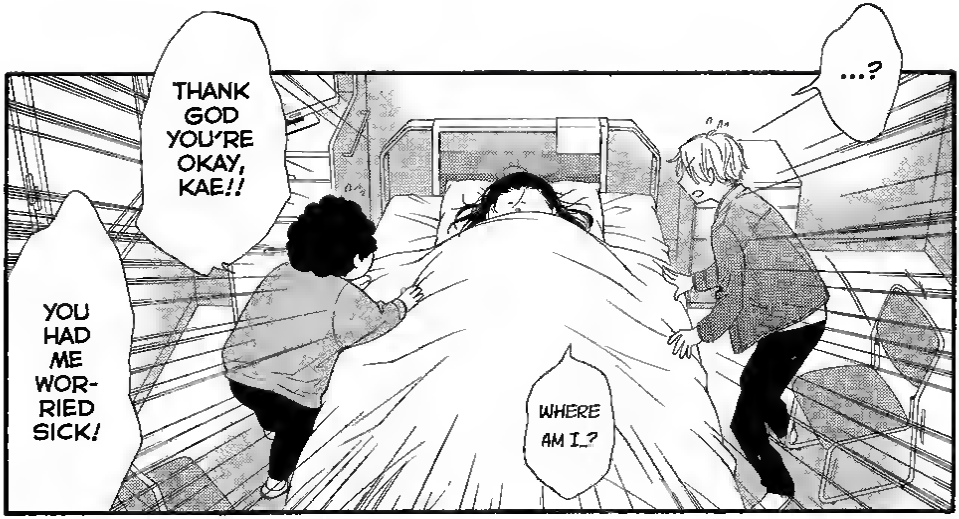
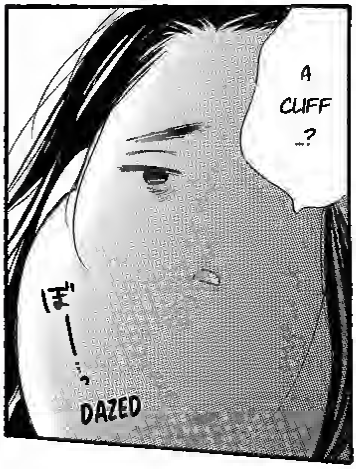

...?
THANK GOD YOU'RE OKAY, KAE!!
YOU HAD ME WOR-RIED SICK!
WHERE AM I_?


A CLIFF ...?
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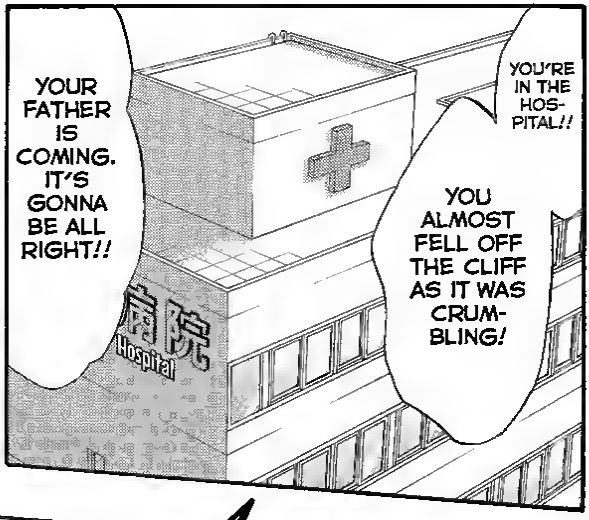
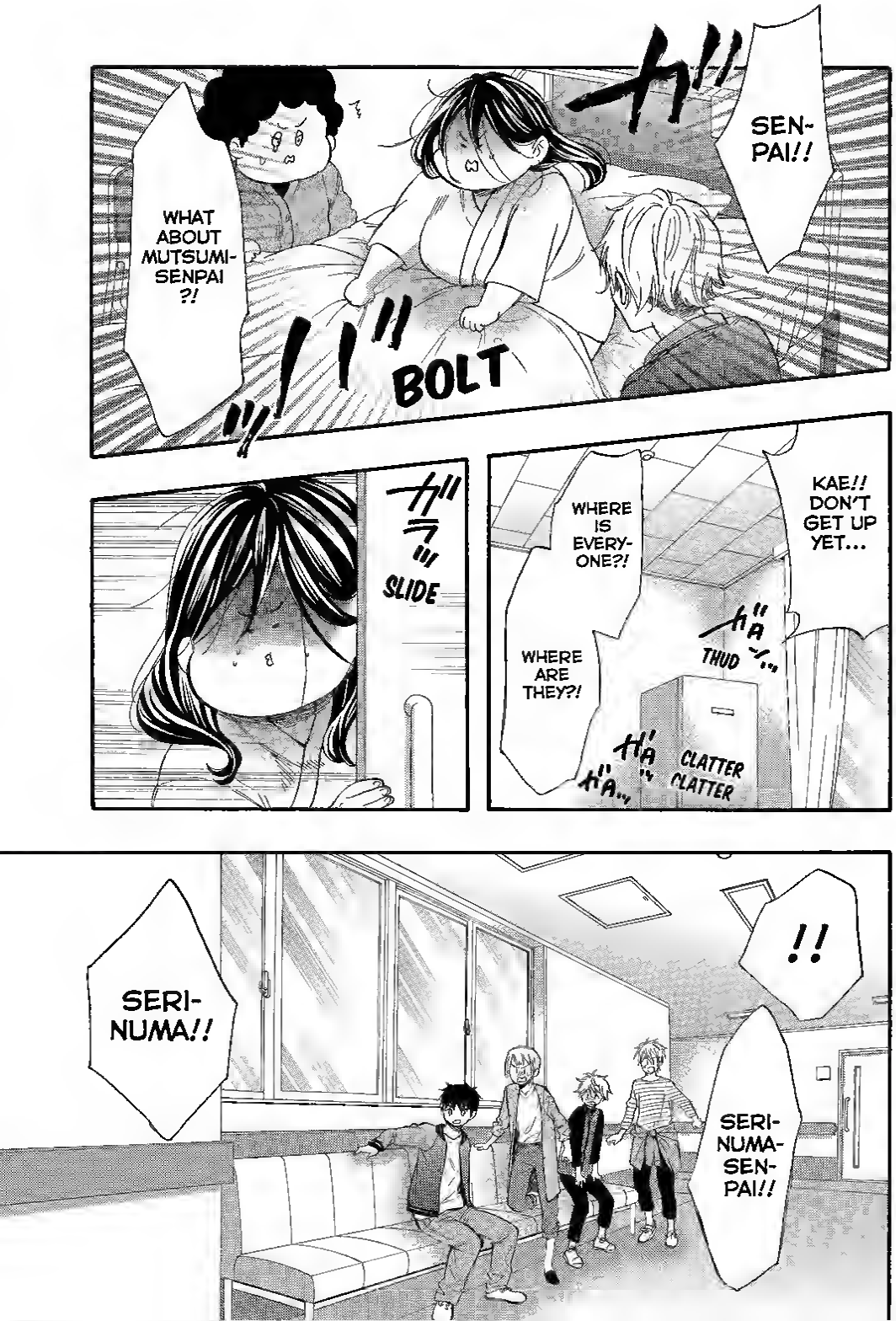
DAZED


YOU'RE IN THE HOS-PITAL!!
YOU ALMOST FELL OFF THE CLIFF AS IT WAS CRUM-BLING!
YOUR FATHER IS COMING. IT'S GONNA BE ALL RIGHT!!
病院
Hospital

GASP


SEN-PAI!!
WHAT ABOUT MUTSUMI-SENPAI ?!
BOLT
SLIDE
KAE!! DON'T GET UP YET...
WHERE IS EVERY-ONE?!
WHERE ARE THEY?!
THUD
CLATTER CLATTER
!!
SERI-NUMA!!
SERI-NUMA-SEN-PAI!!

YOU GUYS ...!!
SERI-NUMA-SEN-PAI!!
PHEW! YOU'RE AWAKE! ARE YOU HOLDING UP OKAY ?!
Y-yeah.
WH... WHAT ABOUT MUTSUMI-SENPAI ?!
AND TAH-KUN ...?
!!
M... MITSU-BOSHI'S INJURIES ARE MINOR.
HE HAS TO BE HOSPI-TALIZED FOR SOME TESTS, BUT IT'S NOTHING SERIOUS.
S... SENPAI, TOO, RIGHT?
MUTSUMI-SENPAI'S OKAY, TOO, RIGHT?!
...
HE'S ...
FOR BOTH OF THEM ...

MUTSUMI-SAN BROKE MITSU-BOSHI'S FALL...
...AND HIT HIS HEAD.
BUT...
MIRACULOUSLY, THE TREES THAT HAD GROWN BELOW SERVED AS A CUSHION, AND THEY FELL ON TOP OF SOME SOFT GRASS...
BUT...
LUCKILY, IT WASN'T FATAL, AND HE DOESN'T NEED SURGERY...

TO BE CONTINUED IN the FEBRUARY ISSUE